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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Percy E. Foxworth Collection
Dates:	1925-1991 (bulk 1925-1946)
Collector:	Foxworth, Percy E., 1906-1943
Physical Extent:	4 boxes
Repository:	University of Mississippi. Department of Archives and Special Collections. University, MS 38677, USA
Identification:	MUM00191
Location:	C-9
Language of Material:	English
Abstract:	Correspondence, photographs, and the FBI Medal of Honor given posthumously to Foxworth in 1991.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by John "Doc" Holliday, Lawrence W. Holliday and Mary Jane Chambers

Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives and Special Collections staff.

Finding aid encoded by Jason Kovari, 21 May 2009.

Additions

No further additions are expected to this collection.

Subject Terms

Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972.

United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation -- Officials and employees

Formats

correspondence

medals

photographs

Biographical Note

Percy E. Foxworth was born on 29 November 1906 in Purvis, Mississippi. He received his early education in the grade and high schools of Poplarville and Derby, Mississippi. He attended the Pearl River Junior College for two years and then began his accounting studies at the Walton School of Commerce and the LaSalle Extension University. In 1926 he entered the employ of the Edward Hines Western Pine Company at Poplarville, Mississippi, and later was transferred to the company's offices at Burne, Oregon where he allegedly picked up the nickname "Sam".

Foxworth applied to enter the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on 21 March 1932. After completing his initial training he was assigned to FBI field offices located at Jacksonville, FL, Oklahoma City, OK, New York City and Washington, D.C. He served as an Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI from 8 April 1935 until June 1939, when he was made Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division of the FBI. From June 1940 until 9 April 1941 Foxworth was assigned at the Washington headquarters of the FBI as an Assistant Director in charge of the FBI's New York City Field Office.

Foxworth was killed in the line of duty on 15 January 1943 when his plane crashed in Surinam, Dutch Guiana. The FBI Medal of Honor was given posthumously to Foxworth in 1991.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains correspondence, photographs, and the FBI Medal of Honor given posthumously to Foxworth in 1991.

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Related Material

Resources at the University of Mississippi

[Percy E. Foxworth/ Chambers Collection \(MUM00192\).](#)

Separated Material

Photographs in Box 4 have been removed for storage in Library Annex Cold Room.

Arrangement

The correspondence in this collection is chronologically.

Container List

Folder 1.1 Correspondence, 1925

ALS. Percy E. Foxworth to Mr. D.D. Durham. Envelope.

Folder 1.2 Correspondence, 1931

ALS. 4 September 1931. P.E. Foxworth to Mr. D.D. Durham. Envelope.

Folder 1.3 Correspondence, 1934

ALS. 19 July 1934. J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: promotion.

Folder 1.4 Correspondence, 1936

ALS. 27 June 1936. Sam to "Sug". Envelope. (4pp.)

ALS. 28 June 1936. Sam to "Sug". Envelope. (4pp.)

Folder 1.5 Correspondence, 1937

ALS. 1 June 1937. Photocopy of letter from J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth.
ALS. [7 June] 1937. Sam to "Sug". Envelope. (3pp.)
ALS. 14 June 1937. Sam to "Sug". Envelope. (2pp.)
TL. 6 July 1937. Sam to Susan.
TLS. 30 July 1937. Sam to "My Dear Mrs. Foxworth." Envelope. (2pp.)
TLS. 13 August 1937. Sam to "My Dear Susan." Envelope.
ALS. 12 October 1937. Sam to "Dearest Sug." Envelope. (3pp.)
TLS. 20 October 1937. Sam to "Dearest Sug." Envelope. (2pp.)
TLS. 29 November 1937. Sam to "Dearest Sug." (2pp.)

Folder 1.6 Correspondence, 1938

ALS. [23 January] 1938. Sam to "My Dear Honey Child" (Mrs. Foxworth). Envelope. (4pp.)
TLS. 8 February 1938. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Envelope. (2pp.)
TLS. 9 March 1938. Sam to "Dear Susan." Envelope.
ALS. 20 May 1938. Oscar Coker to Percy Foxworth. Envelope. (2pp.)
ALS. [21 October] 1938. Sam to "Dearest Susie." Envelope. (2pp.)
AL. 12 November 1938. [Percy Foxworth] to John H. Amen.

Folder 1.7 Correspondence, 1939

ALS. 27 January 1939. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Envelope. (3pp.)
ALS. 1 February 1939. Sam to "Dearest Sug." Envelope.
ALS. [23 February] 1939. Sam to "Dearest Babe." Envelope. (2pp.)
TLS. 12 March 1939. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Envelope. (3pp.)
ALS. 9 June 1939. Photocopy of letter from Matthew F. McGuire to P.E. Foxworth. Re: moving of his headquarters from Washington, D.C. to New York.
ALS. 9 June 1939. Photocopy of J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: moving of his headquarters to New York and appointment as Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division.
TLS. [17 June, 1939. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Envelope.

Folder 8 Correspondence, 1940

ALS. 10 June 1940. Photocopy of letter from Spencer to Sam.

Folder 1.9 Correspondence, 1941

ALS. 23 September 1941. Letter from Matthew F. McGuire, Assistant to the Attorney General, to Mr. Percy E. Foxworth. Re: headquarters changing from Washington, D.C. to New York.

Folder 1.10 Correspondence, 1942

AL. 13 January 1942. E.J. Rosasco to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth.
ALS. 8 April 1942. W.J. Foxworth to P.E. Foxworth. Re: possible relations.
TL. 21 April 1942. [P.E. Foxworth] to W.J. Foxworth. 3pp.
ALS. [8 May] 1942. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Envelope.
ALS. [8 May] 1942. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Envelope.
ALS. [1 June] 1942. Sam to "Dearest Susan." Envelope.
TLS. 11 June 1942. Invitation in Spanish to P.E. Foxworth.
ALS. 20 September 1942. Jack and Doris to P.E. Foxworth. 2pp. Envelope.

Folder 1.11 Correspondence, 1943

TLS. 13 May 1943. T.D. Quinn, Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General to T. Woodrow

Roberts.

TL. 10 June 1943. T. Woodrow Roberts to T.D. Quinn.

TLS. 24 July 1943. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: death of P.E. Foxworth.

TLS. 24 November 1943. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: informal request to name a liberty ship after P.E. Foxworth.

TLS. 13 December 1943. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: possibility of naming a ship after P.E. Foxworth.

Folder 1.12 Correspondence, 1944

TLS. 3 January 1944. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: letter from Horacio Cespedes expressing admiration for P.E. Foxworth.

TLS. 7 January 1944. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: letter from Senor Luis Berger Valdes expressing admiration for P.E. Foxworth.

TLS. 11 January 1944. J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Naming of a Liberty ship after P.E. Foxworth.

Folder 1.13 Empty envelopes.

Folder 1.14 Materials relating to the S.S. Percy E. Foxworth.

Invitation. 7 February 1944. Invitation to attend the launching of the liberty ship the S.S. Percy E. Foxworth.

Article. March 1946. Image of the S.S. Percy E. Foxworth (page 26).The Investigator.

Folder 1.15 Miscellaneous materials.

Folder 1.16 Commemorative book made at the time of Percy Foxworth's death (15 January 1943) detailing his career with the F.B.I.

Box 2 Percy E. Foxworth's F.B.I. Memorial Star presented to Mrs. Foxworth in 1991.

Box 3 Newspaper scrapbook of Foxworth's activities with the F.B.I., 1939-1942.

Box 4 Photographs of Percy E. Foxworth.

Separated Material: This box has been moved to Library Annex Cold Room for preservation.